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FM AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7431

NASA HEADQUARTERS WASHDC IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY PORT LOUIS

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

CINCLANT NORFOLK VA

CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON ENG

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CINCLANT AND CINCUSNAVEUR FOR POLADS

SUMMARY: CHARGE MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AT HIS REQUEST AT 5:15 P.M. JULY 14 TO GET PRELIMINARY REACTION OF GOMR TO CHARGE'S DEMARCH EARLIER IN DAY. FOREIGN MINISTER WAS CONCILIATORY IN TONE BUT GAVE ONLY PARTIAL RESPONSES TO EMBASSY NOTE. HE SAID PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO TRANQUALIZE CHARGE AND TO INFORM HIM THAT POLICE PROTECTION WOULD BE PROVIDED AS REQUESTED. END SUMMAARY.

1. CHARGE MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DR. REMI TIANDRAZA AT 5:15 P.M. JULY 14 AT HIS REQUEST TO REPLACE MEETING HE HAD SET FOR JULY 15 AT 9:30 A.M. HE TOLD CHARGE ON PHONE THAT HE WISHED TO DISCUSS LOCAL SECURITY SITUATION. FOREIGN
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MINISTER SAID MALAGASY GOVERNMENT BELIEVED THAT CHARGE'S

SECURITY CONCERNS WERE UNFOUNDED AND ASSURED HIM THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DEMONSTRATIONS OR OTHER SECURITY PROBLEMS. HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA WAS RATHER SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT CHARGE HAD CLOSED CULTURAL CENTER AS PRECAUTIONARY SECURITY MEASURE. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT CHARGE'S REQUEST FOR POLICE PROTECTION OF EMBASSY, CULTURAL CENTER, AND CHARGE'S RESIDENCE AOULD BE PROVIDED UNOSTENTATIOUSLY.

2. CHARGE THANKED HIM AND ASKED WHAT FULL RESPONSE OF GOMR WOULD BE TO DEMARCHE. FOREIGN MINISTER RESPONDED THAT THIS WOULD BE FULLY EXPLAINED IN FORTHCOMING FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE THAT WOULD BE DELIVERED TO EMBASSY THE MORNING OF JULY

15. HE THEN ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE US GOVERNMENT TO PAY \$100,000 FROM 1973 ON. CHARGE REPLIED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES HE FELT THIS WAS HIGHLY UNLIKELY, PARTICULARLY SINCE THAT AMOUNT WAS TO HAVE BEEN PART OF A FORMAL AGREEMENT WHICH WAS NEVER SIGNED BY EITHER GOVERNMENT. CHARGE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT CLOSING OF STATION POSED A HEAVY FINANCIAL BURDEN ON US GOVERNMENT. FOREIGN MINISTER PAUSED AND THEN SAID "THEN IT IS A DEFINITE DECISION THAT THE STATION IS TO CLOSE"? CHARGE RESPONDED THAT DECISION WAS IRREVOCABLE AND THAT NASA COULD OBVIOUSLY NOT AFFORD TO OPERATE A STATION THAT WAS UNRELIABLE AS CHARGE HAD TOLD PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT HE TRUSTED THAT THE CLOSING

OF THE NASA STATION WOULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFECT US-MALAGASY RELATIONS AND THAT IT WAS SIMPLY LIKE CLOSING DOWN A FACTORY. CHARGE RESPONDED THAT HE TOO TRUSTED THAT THIS WOULD BE THE CASE. CHARGE THEN REITERATED HIS REGRETS THAT THE STATION WAS FORCED TO CLOSE AND POINTED OUT THAT THE EFFECTS FOR BOTH THE US AND MADAGASCAR, BUT ESPECIALLY THE LATTER, WERE VERY HIGH.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: CONCILIATORY TONE OF FOREIGN MINISTER IS CERTAINLY BASED ON DIRECT INSTRUCTION OF PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA BUT DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT ALL U.S. DEMANDS WILL BE MET OR THAT WE CAN PREDICT WITH ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY THAT WE WILL
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BE ABLE TO EVACUATE EQUIPMENT. CHARGE AGREED TO REOPEN CULTURAL CENTER JULY 15.
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